

DVCC
Immigration Committee
September 8, 2015
DSP Museum

- I. The meeting was called to order and Introductions were made. Present at the meeting were Carolyn Becker, Neda Biggs (Committee Chair), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Carmen Mendez (Wilmington PD), Rosemary Martinez (Abriendo Puertas) and Aimee String (DVCC).
- II. Old Business
 - a. Resource Guide
 - i. The Committee discussed distribution of the resource guide. The resource guide has been distributed via the DVTF and VRTF and is available on the DVCC's website. Hard copies are being printed and will be distributed at the Sussex County DV Forum. Once we know how many copies are remaining after that event, we will begin distributing them to local libraries, churches and other agencies known to serve the Hispanic community.
 - ii. At a future date we would like to look at the possibility of making the resource list (at a minimum) available in Spanish.
 - b. Vera Institute Trafficking Tool
 - i. Aimee did some research as to how others are utilizing this tool in their states. She found that while states are saying it is a useful tool and that they are using parts of it, there were no states that she could find that had adopted it as part of their protocol. Adrienne mentioned that the Human Trafficking Task Force was beginning to meet and perhaps we should make that committee aware of the tool and pass it on to them. The committee agreed that this was a good idea. Adrienne agreed to pass on the information.
 - c. Spanish DV Forum
 - i. Plans are moving along nicely for the Sussex County Domestic Violence Forum. It is being called a Family Violence Prevention Event. The event will be held all in Spanish at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church on October 17th from 1:00-3:00. Georgetown Presbyterian has donated the use of the church. This is a great location as it is located in Downtown Georgetown. There is a large multipurpose room and a childcare room. Two skits pertaining to domestic violence will be performed by ArtFusion from Wilmington. They do interactive skits which are then followed by an audience/panel discussion. Several Panelists have been identified including Rosemary Martinez (Abriendo Puertas), Jan Fox (CLASI), Joel Diaz (Georgetown PD). We are still hoping to get panelists from Christiana Care, La Red and La Esperanza. There will be a dress rehearsal open to the panelists so that they can know ahead of time what to expect. The planning committee is actively seeking agencies to have resource tables at the event. Anyone who is interested should contact Aimee String (aimee.string@state.de.us). Child care details are still being worked out but we plan to offer free child care. We also plan to offer refreshments. The entire event will be free of charge.
 - ii. The committee discussed ways in which to get the word out about the event. Ideas mentioned included:

1. Sending fliers to the members of the committee for distribution
2. Posting fliers in local churches with a Hispanic congregation and in local businesses and libraries
3. Reaching out the Spanish radio stations. This is a key source of information for our target population.

d. DACA

- i. Neda mentioned Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)the president's executive action which allows young people brought into the United States illegally as children to apply for deportation deferrals and work permits. There are concerns about how ICE will handle discretionary guidelines for who would be removed if not for this executive action. It is currently stalled in the courts. This is something we need to keep our eyes on as it effect 4.4 million people. There have been no recent updates.

III. Agency Reports

- i. None

IV. Next Meeting:

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 10:30 AM at the Delaware State Police Museum in Dover, DE.